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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

CIVIL CASE NO. 96-00055
PLAINTIFF-IN-INTERVENTION ROBERT MATOS' OBJECTION TO
THE NOTICES OF LIENS FILED BY ATTORNEYS RITTER & ASSOCIATES
AND DOUGHERTY& HILDRE, APC

Plaintiff-In-Intervention ROBERT MATOS (hereinafter "Plaintiff-In-Intervention") hereby submits his Objection to the Notices of Liens Filed by Attorneys Ritter & Associates and Dougherty & Hildre, APC, on October 16, October 19, November 6, 2007 and November 15, 2007 (the "Liens"). Plaintiff-In-Intervention objects to the Liens and hereby serves notice of his intent to move the Court to dismiss the Liens for the following reasons:

1. The Liens do not set forth the specific amount(s) being claimed by each law firm or lawyer from each Plaintiff-In-Intervention. Plaintiff-In-Intervention ROBERT MATOS and Plaintiff-In-Intervention SLOBODAN PRANJIC are not jointly and severally liable for the fees and expenses allegedly spent by the lien claimants pursuing two separate cases;

2. The Liens wrongfully attempt to place a lien on one client's funds arising out

of another client's case;

3. The Liens do not have attached to them any written contracts from which the

express lien claims allegedly derive;

4. The Liens state that "Documents which support the lien for attorney's fees

and costs, expenses, advances, etc., have been or will be transmitted to

Banning, Micklow & Bull." Despite written requests by Banning, Micklow &

Bull, the California attorneys for Plaintiff-In-Intervention, the purported lien

claimants, Ritter & Associates and Dougherty & Hildre, APC, have failed and

refused to provide any itemization or substantiation of the costs being

claimed; and

5. The refusal of the lien claimants to provide an accounting to their former

client, Plaintiffs-In-Intervention herein, is itself a breach of fiduciary duty that

justifies forfeiture and dismissal of the Liens.

**CUNLIFFE & COOK** 

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Plaintiffs-In-Intervention Robert Matos

Dated: December 12, 2007

By

COOK, ESO.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, **JEFFREY A. COOK**, do hereby certify that on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, I caused to have one (1) copy of Plaintiff-Intervention Robert Matos' Objection to the Notices of Liens filed by Attorney's Ritter & Asosciates and Dougherty & Hildre, APC, to be served on Dwight F. Ritter, Esq., by mailing said document as follows:

Dwight F. Ritter, Esq. **RITTER & ASSOCIATES** 2869 India Street San Diego, California 92103

Dated this 12th day of December, 2007.

**CUNLIFFE & COOK** 

A Professional Corporation Attorneys for Plaintiff-In-Intervention

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JEFFREY A. COOK, ESQ.